

HOT SPOTS THIS SUMMER



Going to the beach does not always mean hitting the waves. Here are just some of the few public beaches you can visit by train, where you can eat, shop or just enjoy the beach atmosphere.

PALM BEACH

Town of Palm Beach

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the West Palm Beach Station and transfer to Palm Tran Route 41. Get off at the corner of Royal Palm Way and S County Road and walk south to shops.

Downtown Delray Beach

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Delray Beach Station and transfer to the Downtown Roundabout Trolley. The trolley runs down Atlantic Avenue's shops and restaurants all the way to the beach.



BROWARD

Deerfield Beach

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Deerfield Beach Station. Walk to Hillsboro Boulevard to catch Broward County Transit (BCT) Route 48 eastbound to the beach.

Hollywood North Beach Park

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Sheridan Street Station and transfer to BCT Route 12 eastbound to the beach.



MIAMI-DADE

Miami Beach/South Beach

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Miami Airport Station and transfer to Miami-Dade Transit Route 150 Miami Beach Airport Express.

“COMMUTING COMMISSIONER” ELECTED CHAIR OF SFRTA

COMMISSIONER BRUNO BARREIRO ELECTED AS VICE CHAIR



**Palm Beach County
Commissioner
Steven L. Abrams**



**Miami-Dade County
Commissioner
Bruno Barreiro**

Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven L. Abrams was elected Chair of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) at the June 23, 2017 meeting of the Governing Board. At the same meeting, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Bruno Barreiro was elected Vice Chair. Commissioner Abrams has been a member of the SFRTA Governing Board since August 2010. Commissioner Barreiro has served on the SFRTA Governing Board for more than a decade.

Commissioner Abrams has come to be known as the “Commuting Commissioner” because he is the first SFRTA Governing Board member to also be a regular commuter on Tri-Rail, which is operated by SFRTA. “I have a passenger perspective,” Abrams said. “I know first-hand what Tri-Rail means to the economy of South Florida when each day I join thousands of workers, students, and tourists traveling on our train throughout the region.”



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HURRICANE SEASON STARTS AGAIN AFTER A DOZEN QUIET YEARS

Weather forecasters are predicting a busier than usual hurricane season for 2017, with storms far exceeding the number anticipated for 2016. However, they are also warning residents about something that could possibly result in even more dire consequences than the storms themselves – complacency.

It's easy to be lulled into a sense of false security after 12 quiet years. Those new to Tri-Rail won't remember the havoc wreaked on the entire corridor by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. The hurricane cut power to all 18 stations, brought overhead warning devices

crashing down, destroyed crossing gates, and took out most of the signals. The storm shut down all Tri-Rail service for 17 long days, immobilizing many South Floridians.

This year, we commemorate the 25th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew. It destroyed virtually all of South Miami-Dade County and proved that all it takes is one storm to change the course of history, and the first storm of the year at that. The South Florida Rail Corridor remained intact for the most part, allowing Tri-Rail trains to be enlisted to assist in rescue and reconstruction efforts.

This is the time of year when we remind our passengers of our hurricane procedures. Since taking over the maintenance and dispatch of the



SFRTA PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT WINS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority received The Award of Excellence in Public Procurement for 2017 from the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, Inc. The Authority is one of only 12 agencies in the entire state to receive the award this year. This is the tenth year that the SFRTA has achieved this award.



SFRTA Governing Board with members of the SFRTA Procurement Department.

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corridor in March 2015, SFRTA is responsible for everything that happens on these tracks. That includes deciding when the system is closed down if a hurricane is approaching. Once sustained winds reach 35 miles per hour, it becomes necessary for us to suspend service in order to secure the gates. This procedure can take anywhere from 12-48 hours, depending on the weather circumstances crews face. Our policy has always been, and continues to be, that we will not take you to a destination unless we are sure we can get you back later. This is for the protection and safety of our riders and their families.

As usual, the customer service call number 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245), Tri-Rail’s website www.tri-rail.com and the local media are your best sources for information and updates in the event of a storm. Virtually all of the local media outlets have valuable hurricane guides posted to their websites. Avail yourselves of these easy to use survival blueprints.

LA TEMPORADA DE HURACANES VUELVE A COMENZAR DESPUÉS DE DOCE AÑOS TRANQUILOS

Los meteorólogos pronostican una temporada de huracanes más activa que lo acostumbrado para el 2017 con una cantidad de tormentas superior a la prevista para 2016. Sin embargo, también advierten a los residentes sobre algo que posiblemente podría resultar en consecuencias más graves que las tormentas en sí: el exceso de confianza.

Es fácil dejarse llevar por una sensación de falsa seguridad después de 12 años de quietud. Los nuevos usuarios del Tri-Rail

no recuerdan los estragos que el huracán Wilma del 2005 causó en todo el corredor. El huracán interrumpió el suministro de energía en todas las 18 estaciones, provocó estrellar los dispositivos de advertencia suspendidos, destruyó las barreras de cruce y desmontó la mayoría de las señales.

La tormenta suspendió todo el servicio de Tri-Rail por 17 largos días, inmovilizando a muchos residentes del sur de Florida.

Este año, conmemoramos el 25 aniversario del huracán Andrew. Este destruyó prácticamente todos el sur del Condado de Miami-Dade y demostró que todo lo que se necesita es una tormenta para cambiar el curso de la historia, y fue la primera tormenta del año además. El corredor ferroviario del sur de la Florida permaneció intacto en su mayor parte, lo que permitió emplear a los trenes del Tri-Rail para ayudar en los esfuerzos de rescate y reconstrucción.

Esta es la época del año cuando recordamos a nuestros pasajeros nuestros procedimientos en caso de un huracán. Desde que asumió el mantenimiento y movilización del corredor en marzo de 2015, SFRTA ha sido la responsable de todo lo que sucede en estas vías. Eso incluye decidir cuándo cerrar el sistema si se aproxima un huracán. Una vez que los vientos sostenidos alcanzan las 35 millas por hora, se hace necesario la suspensión del servicio para asegurar las barreras. Este proceso puede tardar de 12 a 48 horas, dependiendo de las circunstancias climatológicas a las que se enfrenta el personal. Nuestra política siempre ha sido y sigue siendo que no lo llevaremos a ningún destino a menos que estemos seguros que podemos traerlo de regreso. Esto es para la protección y la seguridad de nuestros pasajeros y sus familias.

Como siempre, el número de servicio al cliente 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7254), el sitio web de Tri-Rail www.tri-rail.com y los medios de comunicación locales son sus mejores fuentes de información y noticias en caso de tormentas. Prácticamente todos los medios de difusión locales tienen valiosas guías sobre huracanes publicadas en sus

sitios web. Aproveche estos planes de supervivencia que son fáciles de usar.

SEZON SIKLÒN LA PRAL REKÒMANSE APRE YON DOUZÈN ANE KI TE KALM

Ekspè lameteyo yo prevwa sezon siklòn lan ap chaje pou 2017, epi pral gen plis tanpèt ki plis pase yo te antisipe pou 2016. Sepandan, yo te vle avèti rezidan yo konsènan yon bagay ki ta ka gen konsekans ki pi grav toujou pase sa tanpèt kapab fè : danje an rele ‘moun ki kè pòpòz’.

Li fasil pou moun twonpe epi panse pa gen danje apre 12 lane kalm. Moun ki fèk kòmanse deplase ak Tri-Rail p ap sonje kokennchenn dezòd Siklòn Wilma te fè nan tout koridò a an 2005. Siklòn la te koupe kouran nan tout 18 estasyon yo, te fè anpil aparèy avètisman tonbe atè, te detwi baryè pasaj epi te detwi pifò siyal yo. Tanpèt la te kanpe tout sèvis Tri-Rail pandan 17 jounen long, sa ki te imobilize anpil moun nan Sid Eta Florid.

Ane sa a, n ap selebre 25yèm anivèsè Siklòn Andrew. Li te prèske detwi tout Sid Konte Miami-Dade epi li pwouve ke yon sèl tanpèt kapab chanje destine anpil moun, epi menm ke se te premye tanpèt pou ane an. Pi gwo pati Koridò Chemendfè Sid Eta Florid la te rete entak, sa ki te fè yote rekizisyon tren Tri-Rail yo pou ede ak sovtaj epi rekonstriksyon.

Moman an rive nan ane an lè nou fè pasaje nou yo sonje pwosedi pwoteksyon kont siklòn yo. Depi SFRTA te pran responsabilite pou antretyen ak jesyon sikilasyon nan koridò a koumanse nan mwa mas 2015, Ajans lan responsab pou tout bagay ki rive sou ray yo. Sa gen ladann pran desizyon lè pou yo fèmen sistèm la lè yon siklòn ap pwoche. Depi van soufle san rete pou atenn 35 mi pa èdtan, li vin nesesè pou nou kanpe sèvis la pou kapab sekirize pòtay yo. Pwosedi sa a gendwa dire ant 12 ak 48 èdtan, selon sikonstans lameteyo ekip nou ap konfwonte. Jiskaprezan, politik nou se toujou ke nou p ap mennen w yon kote, eksepte si nou asire nou ka mennen w tounen apre sa. Se pou asire pwoteksyon ak sekirite pasaje nou yo ak fanmi yo.

Kòm dabitid, nimewo pou rele sèvis kliyan an se 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7254). Sitwèb Tri-Rail la se www.tri-rail.com epi laprès lokal se pibon sous enfòmasyon ak mizajou ou ka genyen sizoka yon tanpèt ap pwoche. Prèske tout ògann laprès lokal yo gen gid presye ki afiche sou sitwèb yo. Chèche jwenn youn nan tiliv referans itil ki fasil sa yo pou konprann pou garanti sekrite w.

SUMMER ADVISORIES

FARE BLITZES BEGIN

Tri-Rail passengers will soon notice waves of increased fare enforcement teams as G4S Officers will be conducting fare sweeps in the coming weeks. These are being established in an effort to cut down on fare evasion, which impacts everyone who rides the trains. Passengers are reminded that they should not board a Tri-Rail train without being in possession of valid fare media. Those traveling without valid paper tickets or EASY Cards will be subject to warnings, citations, and ultimately, trespass from the train.

AIRPORT PARKING REMINDER

With the arrival of summer vacations and long holiday weekends, passengers are reminded that parking in excess of 24 consecutive hours is strictly prohibited at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach and the Miami Airport Station. G4S closely monitors vehicles for violations of this policy and offenders will be subject to warnings, fines and towing. As one traveler can attest, “free parking” at the station to avoid parking fees at the airport can be extremely expensive. She had to pay more than \$1,500 to retrieve her car upon her return from a vacation in Argentina.



LUGGAGE RACKS

As more bike cars have been introduced to Tri-Rail’s trains, more people have been witnessed using them to stow their luggage. Passengers who are traveling with luggage must use the onboard luggage racks which are available for passenger convenience. Traveling passengers are reminded that their luggage should not block doorways, aisles, seats or bike racks.



Custom Protection Officer, Pedro Ruiz, (third from right) is presented with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Distinguished Service Award by the SFRTA Governing Board and SFRTA Director of Safety & Security Allen Yoder (far right).

SFRTA PRESENTS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO HERO OFFICER

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) presented its most prestigious honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Custom Protection Officer Pedro Ruiz, for heroic actions he undertook that far exceeded the responsibilities of his duties.

On the evening of December 16, 2016, while driving on I-95, CPO Ruiz and a Broward Sheriff’s Office deputy sergeant came upon a crashed vehicle in flames. Although off duty at the time, CPO Ruiz and the deputy came to the immediate aid of the crash victim. They were able to break the vehicle window and pull the victim from the burning interior. Once moved a safe distance from the vehicle, it was discovered that the crash victim had no pulse. CPO Ruiz immediately began administering CPR and the victim regained consciousness. The victim survived, in great measure, due to CPO Ruiz’s efforts.

In presenting the award, SFRTA Chair and Broward County Commissioner Tim Ryan, commended CPO Ruiz for his actions. “Through his bravery, he saved a life. He is a shining example of the men and women who serve our passengers and the general public each and every day,” said Chair Ryan in praising the officer. “He is truly worthy of receiving the SFRTA’s most prestigious award and we are proud to call him a member of the SFRTA family.” Officer Ruiz currently serves as the SFRTA Public Safety Coordinator.

The SFRTA created the Distinguished Service Award in 2014 to recognize the actions of frontline SFRTA staff members or employees of our contractors who provide assistance to those in need that far exceeds their responsibilities. The presentation of this award is taken very seriously, as witnessed by the three year gap between the presentation of the inaugural awards and the one presented today.